

ARKANSAS
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



* Harvesting All Row Crops/Planting Wheat

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RELEASED: October 15, 2002 3:00 p.m.-Cooler temperatures prevailed throughout the state while general rains fell over most areas. According to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service there were 4 days suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 22 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 27 percent surplus.

CROPS: All row crops are being harvested. Sorghum and corn harvests are winding down in most areas. Cotton harvest continues well behind normal because of wet cotton and wet fields. Harvest continues for apples. Winter wheat and other cool season forages such as ryegrass and clover are being planted.

LIVESTOCK: Cattle remain in good condition. Cattle are being worked and calves are being weaned and sold. Pastures are being fertilized and some producers are still getting a last hay cutting before winter.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %					Condition %				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM									
Mature	100	99	100	100					
Harvested	96	93	100	97					
CORN									
Harvested	99	97	100	100					
COTTON					3	8	23	58	58
Opening Bolls	98	97	100	98					
Harvested	26	18	50	53					
RICE									
Ripe	100	98	99	99*					
Harvested	88	82	97	93					
SOYBEANS					2	10	30	42	16
Yellowing	86	80	94	83					
Shedding	68	58	89	75					
Mature ¹	54	40	--	50					
Harvested	29	24	46	36					
WHEAT									
Planted	10	7	14	14					
Emerged	4	1	3	3					
OTHER HAY					2	14	38	40	6
PASTURE					5	20	46	26	3

¹ Previous year was not requested. The 5-year average is from 1996-2000.
* Rice ripe was not requested in 1999 at this point in the year; this is a four year average of 1997, 1998, 2000 and 2001.

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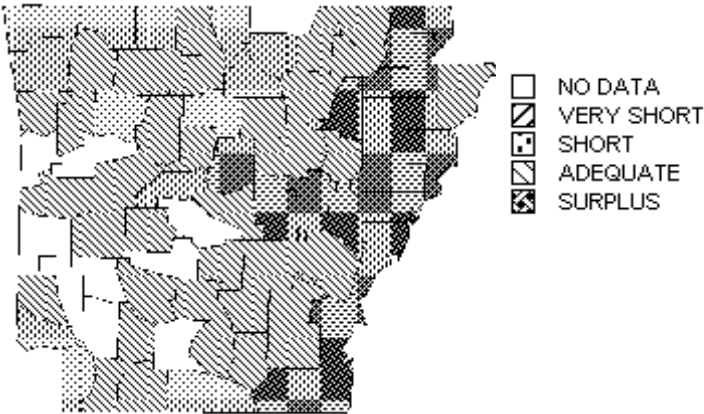
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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

October 13, 2002. Temperatures were much cooler for the week. General rainfall prevailed throughout the state. Texarkana, Ft. Smith, and Eudora recorded the high temperature of 82^o with Calico Rock recording the low temperature of 42^o. Precipitation ranged from a high of 5.46 inches at Hope to a lowof 0.19 inches at Mountain Home.



TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING: October 13, 2002

DISTRICT AND STATION	TEMPERATURES			RAINFALL				
	HIGH	LOW	DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	WEEK ENDING OCT 13	CURRENT OCT ACCUM.	OCT NORMAL	JANUARY-OCT	
							2002	NORMAL
1 Fayetteville	73	45	-4	0.46	0.46	3.74	36.16	38.08
Harrison	75	43	-5	0.39	0.40	3.50	40.38	36.61
2 Calico Rock	78	42	-3	0.57	0.63	3.61	39.20	37.06
Greers Ferry	77	47	-3	1.03	1.16	4.21	40.36	40.46
Mountain Home	78	45	-4	0.19	0.19	3.14	41.36	35.98
3 Batesville	76	46	-3	1.08	1.28	4.00	34.43	38.03
Jonesboro	75	49	-2	0.25	0.37	3.89	32.76	36.91
Keiser	74	47	-2	3.14	3.59	3.38	39.28	40.13
Newport	78	48	-3	2.60	2.85	3.67	42.61	38.53
4 Booneville	78	50	-4	1.12	1.12	3.90	43.29	38.44
Clarksville	78	50	-2	0.61	0.61	4.13	44.62	37.54
Dardanelle	73	46	-2	1.28	1.28	4.19	34.76	38.93
Ft. Smith	82	52	-3	0.56	0.56	3.94	40.56	35.68
Mena	75	50	-5	3.48	3.48	5.68	39.92	47.49
Ozark	77	49	-4	0.37	0.38	3.91	47.67	36.24
5 Conway	78	50	-4	1.63	1.73	4.03	35.15	38.64
Hot Springs	78	46	-5	2.09	2.14	5.21	36.42	46.20
Little Rock	78	50	-3	2.11	2.11	4.25	32.79	40.49
N Little Rock	79	52	-4	2.29	2.58	3.81	31.22	38.92
6 Brinkley	74	50	-3	1.71	2.21	3.58	34.23	39.68
Marianna	74	50	-4	1.88	2.50	3.79	36.87	42.16
Stuttgart	77	49	-5	3.55	4.48	3.83	41.56	41.56
7 Hope	78	51	-3	5.46	5.46	4.54	38.26	43.54
Texarkana	82	55	-1	1.06	1.06	3.87	28.87	37.21
8 Camden	80	54	-1	2.44	2.76	4.42	37.79	42.74
El Dorado	79	55	-1	1.26	1.90	4.33	37.85	44.51
Warren	77	54	-3	1.46	1.46	4.53	35.08	44.92
9 Eudora	82	57	1	2.29	2.29	3.93	39.82	45.49
Pine Bluff	80	54	-4	1.88	1.88	4.49	37.98	42.20
Rohwer	79	52	0	1.27	3.08	3.38	38.24	40.99